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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE NEW U.S. - PERU EXTRADITION TREATY

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1. PERUVIAN ATTORNEY GENERAL NELSON DIAZ POMAR CONTACTED EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR MARCH 15 TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN RE-NEGOTIATING THE 1899 EXTRADITION TREATY WITH THE U.S. HE SAID HE WOULD WANT NEW TREATY TO LIST NARCOTICS AND CURRENCY CONTROL VIOLATIONS AS EXTRADITABLE OFFENSES.

2. DIAZ VOLUNTEERED THAT GOP HAD NOT REPLIED TO U.S. DEMARCHES DURING 1972, DESPITE EARLY EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN A NEW TREATY, BECAUSE OF THE ATTITUDE OF FORMER PRESIDENT VELASCO TOWARD NARCOTICS. VELASCO CONSIDERED NARCOTICS AND SPECIFICALLY COCAINE TRAFFICKING "A PROBLEM FOR THE GRINGOS". DIAZ CONTINUED THAT PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED WITH THE DRUG PROBLEM IN AND EMANATING FROM PERU (SEE LIMA 1956). DIAZ BELIEVES THE TIME MAY BE RIPE FOR ANOTHER TRY AT A NEW TREATY. TO THAT END, HE IS TO MEET MARCH 16 WITH FONMIN DE LA FLOR AND FON OFF TREATY OFFICE.

3. NARCOTICS COORDINATOR EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD WELCOME PERUVIAN INITIATIVE, WHICH HE WOULD REPORT IMMEDIATELY. BASED ON PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS AND AS DIAZ
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REQUESTED TO PREPARE FOR MARCH 16 MEETING, HE GAVE DIAZ ANOTHER

COPY OF THE 1972 U.S.- ARGENTINE EXTRADITION TREATY THAT FORMER
AMBASSADOR BELCHER HAD DELIVERED TO FONMIN DE LA FLOR ON MAY 12, 1972

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NARCOTICS COORDINATOR OBSERVED THAT IN AN OCTOBER 20, 1972 NOTE,
AMBASSADOR BELCHER HAD SUGGESTED U.S. TREATY WITH ARGENTINA AS A
MODEL WHICH MIGHT SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR A NEW U.S.- PERU
AGREEMENT. DIAZ SAID HE WOULD BACK IN TOUCH AFTER MEETING
WITH FONMIN.

4. COMMENT: THIS IS ANOTHER FAVORABLE SIGN OF HEIGHTENED
PERUVIAN INTEREST IN THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS PROBLEM.
WE WILL FOLLOW-UP AND REPORT FROM HERE. ANY FURTHER DEPARTMENT
GUIDANCE, EVEN BEFORE WE SEE DIAZ OR THE FONOFF AGAIN, WOULD
BE WELCOME.
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